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INDO-THAILAND COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FIELD
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal of cooperation in the field of science and technology between India and Thailand;

(b) If so, details of the salient features thereof; and

(c) The time by which the agreement in this regard is likely to be signed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (c) Yes, Sir. An inter-governmental Agreement on scientific, technical and environmental cooperation between India and Thailand was signed in New Delhi on February 1, 2002.

(b) Salient features of the Agreement include;

(i) setting up of a Joint Committee for determining the fields of coopeation; facilitating and supporting the implementation of joint programmes /projects; and to look into the financial and other kinds of resources: the meetings of the Joint Committee shall take place annually or as and when required by mutual agreement, alternatively in Thailand and India.

(ii) Cooperation contemplated in the Agreement include Joint Research Development & Design projects including mutual exchange of research findings, scientific and technical information and documents; exchange of scientists, specialists and researchers participating in the execution of the joint projects; joint scientific conferences, symposia, courses, seminars and exhibitions; assistance in education and training of research and engineering personnel and other forms of scientific and technical cooperation as mutually agreed upon between the two sides.

(iii) & (iv) The Agreement shall remain in force for a period of 5 years and shall be automatically extended for a further period of one year at a time or until such a time when it is terminated by either side, who shall give to the other at least 6 months notice in writing through diplomatic channels of its intention to terminate this Agreement.